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Is the Government a Partner in Red China's Death Trade?

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*For some mysterious reason, the Nixon Administration
is lying to the people about imports of opium and
heroin from Red China*

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HOW MUCH of President Nixon's re-election was engineered by "blood money" from the Red Chinese narcotics "death trade?" This is the question that many observers are asking as they speculate about the sources of the large sums of money contributed to Nixon's campaign committee whose donors were not publicly identified.

The informed guess is that these sums were payoffs from those who control the traffic in opium. Several Washington correspondents pointed out that the "missing item" not discussed by President Nixon and Chinese Communist leaders during the meetings earlier this year was the question of stopping the deadly shipments of heroin and its source material, opium, from the China mainland.

The rapidly growing number of dope addicts is considered by experts to be the number one danger to this country's health and internal security.

Extremely suspicious also is the repetition of statements about stopping the flow of opium from Turkey. This country grows only a small part of total world production, about 400 tons, compared to 1,000 tons in Southeast Asia and an estimated 10,000 tons in Red China.

A substantial part of world produc-

tion ends up in the United States to supply its estimated 600,000 heroin addicts. Yet, the Nixon Administration and its spokesmen constantly play down or deny the existence of large imports, especially from China.

Noteworthy also is the fact that while official pronouncements are made deploring the "evil" from President Nixon down, the Nixon Administration has assigned *only ten agents to all of Asia* to intercept shipments. As one expert put it, "If he's [Nixon] really interested in stopping the flow he would see that the CIA, FBI and other agencies assign 500 to Hong Kong, 500 to Bangkok and 500 to Saigon. These are the major trans-shipment points to the U.S. This would make a dent in the supplies reaching the U.S."

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Preposterous as it may sound, the Administration's *official policy is that no heroin or opium comes from Red China*. Why this outright lie in the face of what all experts and foreign government officials know is not so?

Red China's involvement in the opium traffic has been known to informed people, both in and out of government, for years. One of the first government experts to point out the existence of the "death trade" was Harry J. Anslinger, director of the Bureau of Narcotics from 1949 to 1962. In 1953 he told the Senate Judiciary Committee